Weekly Column for March 20, 2008

It's that time of year again! That's right, Earth Day 2008. It's merely a coincidence that today is the official beginning of spring, and we are starting talk of Earth Day. If only it felt like spring out there.

The City of Troy has scheduled its annual Earth Day cleanup for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. We tend to hold the annual earth day cleanup a week later than the actual Earth Day in the hopes of having some warmer weather and increased attendance at the various cleanup sites.

The initial meeting to discuss projects and volunteer needs is scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall. If volunteers are unable to attend, they are asked to contact Vito Ciccarelli at 270-4624 for more information. As is normal, the cleanup will take place on Saturday, and an Earth Day celebration will occur the following Sunday. Details about the celebration will be released soon.

Earth Day is a great opportunity for the entire City to come together and work to better our community. It gives everyone great hope to see neighbors enjoying the company of one another pursuing an activity that enhances the livability of Troy.

On Earth Day city crews will be out in force to assist with the cleanup of neighborhoods around Troy. Additionally, the Alamo, located across the street from the Rensselaer County Jail will be open so that residents of Troy may drop off all trash items free of charge.

The Mayor's Office will issue an amended project list each Friday for publication in local newspapers, and updated information can be found at <a href="https://www.troyny.gov">www.troyny.gov</a>

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and pleasant holiday weekend.

On another note, I am sure that everyone will be rooting for Siena tomorrow night, so I send my best wishes there as well.

Have a great weekend!

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